

## LOVE CONQUERS PRIDE.

Lady Eleanor stood leaning against the garden gate, gazing thoughtfully down through the bright array of flowers of every shade and hue, whose rich perfume was wafted to her by every passing breeze.

But she did not see or heed them; her eyes were fixed upon the gardener, a tall, sturdy man, with broad chest and stalwart limbs, who stood leaning with easy grace upon the spade that indicated his calling.

A half sigh came from the parted lips as she noted the broad, full forehead, the proud look in the dark, flashing eyes, and around the singularly beautiful mouth.

"He looks more like a prince than a gardener!" was her inward comment. "How strange that he should occupy such a position?"

As Lady Eleanor swung open the gate, moving slowly forward to the place where he stood, he turned round, the deferential bow with which he greeted her seeming less like an homage to her rank than to her sex and beauty. Plucking a few flowers, he twined them together and handed them to her, his usual morning offering.

Lady Eleanor smiled her thanks. A curious sort of intimacy had sprung up between these two, so widely separated by their relative positions.

"Do you always mean to be a gardener, Egbert?"

"Yes; why not? Tilling the earth is an ancient, as well as an honorable, calling."

"I know. But you—are you satisfied with it?"

"Perhaps not. But who is satisfied? Are you?"

Lady Eleanor would hardly have brooked so abrupt an inquiry from an equal; as it was, she bit her lip and frowned.

"I think I have never been so dissatisfied with my lot since I knew you, Lady."

Lady Eleanor regarded the speaker with an air of haughty surprise.

"Since you knew me?"

"Yes; I have had very different aspirations since then. Is it true that you are to marry Lord Derby?"

"It is true; we have been betrothed from the cradle. Though I really don't know why it should be a matter of interest to you?"

"It does interest me—it touches me more nearly than anything else; for I love you, Lady Eleanor Darcy!"

The passionate tone and gesture that accompanied these words must have struck an answering chord in Lady Eleanor's heart; for a moment she stood motionless, with pale cheeks and heaving bosom.

"How—how dare you tell me so?"

"No matter how, I do dare to. And you—how dare you wed one for whom you have neither respect nor affection? Your heart is mine; you cannot rob me of that!"

All the haughty blood of her race rushed indignantly to Lady Eleanor's face.

"Insolent base-born hind! I will tell my father of your presumption, and have you punished for it."

"Do so. But whatever my punishment may be, you will suffer far more than I, for you love me, Lady Eleanor!"

"It is false! I scorn—I detest you! Begone, out of my sight!"

The young man turned deadly pale as he looked into those flashing eyes.

"I go, but some day you will wish that you had not sent me! Some day you will wish that you had not spoken such cruel and bitter words! But here comes your noble and honored suitor. I wish you joy of him."

And with a slight but expressive gesture toward the man who was approaching, Egbert rushed down the path toward the river.

Lady Eleanor shrank from the hand that was laid upon her arm.

"What! all alone, fair cousin? I thought that I heard voices. Good gracious! how pale you are!"

"I am not at all well, my lord. I pray you to excuse me."

And gliding past the arm that was extended toward her, Lady Eleanor sought her own room, where, for a time she gave herself up to the contending emotions that swept over her.

Two hours later, bathing her eyes and smoothing her disordered hair, she descended.

As she did so she noticed that quite a crowd had gathered on the lawn.

"What has happened?" she inquired of one of the servants in the hall.

"It is Egbert, the gardener, my lady. He tried to cross the river, near the floss, and is drowned."

For a moment Lady Eleanor stood like one stunned.

Then darting through the crowd in front of it, she entered the porter's lodge, whither they had carried him. She cast one glance at the still, cold face.

"Oh! Egbert! Egbert!" she cried, "you were right! I did love you better than life! more than my own soul! And I sent you to your death! Oh, that I could die with you!"

And flinging her arms around him she lost all consciousness.

As though the touch of those arms called him back to life, Egbert opened his eyes. At this moment Lord Darcy passed through the crowd.

To the surprise of all he had Egbert taken to his own room.

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closeted with his daughter.

"I cannot marry Lord Derby, papa; feeling as I do, it would be a sin for me to do so. But I will never marry without your consent—indeed I do not believe that I shall marry at all."

"Very well, my love; I will not urge the matter. Only I think it is due to Lord Derby that he hear it from your own lips."

"Then let it be now, papa, so that it may be over with and my mind at rest."

Lady Eleanor did not raise her eyes as Lord Derby entered.

"My Lord," she faltered, "I feel that I owe you an apology for this abrupt dismissal; but I did not know my heart until to-day, and now feel that it would be wrong for us to marry."

"Then you do not love me, Eleanor?"

Lady Eleanor raised her startled eyes to the face that was bending over her. "This is unkind and cruel, Egbert. Leave me, I beseech you!"

"Only say that you love me, Eleanor, and if you still wish it I will go."

"I do love you, Egbert, but we can never marry. It would break my poor father's heart."

The enraptured man caught her eagerly in his arms.

"He gave you to me years ago, darling, but I would take the gift only from yourself. Don't look so bewildered, dear love; I am Lord Derby! My cousin personated me. Forgive the deception; I would be loved for myself alone. Ah! am I not a fortunate man to be so doubly blessed! For love has conquered pride!"

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age, and his testimony being deemed material by both parties, it was necessary to await its return.

He came at last, and the case was brought on.

By several witnesses Mr. Barker proved the death of Alice's father to have taken place on the 24th of Dec. at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Captain Harris was then called.

After a few preliminary questions, he was asked to state the precise time of Andrew Hermon's death.

"Exactly four minutes before six o'clock on the morning of the 25th of December," was the answer.

"Are you quite certain of that?" Mr. Barker continued.

"Quite; it is entered on the log-book," Mr. Barker paused a moment.

"Is there any necessity for proceeding, Brother Barker?" interposed the opposite counsel, with a winning smile. "You have quite made out our case. The plaintiff's father having died on the 24th, and the testator on the 25th, it is plain, by the terms of the will, that the whole estate went to the defendant's late father as survivor."

"If you please, Brother Tompkins," Mr. Barker replied, with killing politeness, and the self-possessing air of a man who, if beaten, didn't know it yet, "I have not quite finished with the witness."

"Be good enough, Captain Harris, to tell us where your vessel was at the time of Andrew Hermon's death?"

"In latitude—degrees and—minutes south, and longitude—degrees and—minutes east."

"When it was 8 o'clock on the evening of the 24th of December here, what was the time there?"

"Four minutes of eight on the morning of the 25th, the difference of longitude being 179 degrees."

"So that if the plaintiff's father died here, at 8 o'clock p. m. on the 24th and Andrew Hermon died there at four minutes before six on the morning of the 25th, the former survived the latter just two hours." With which summing up Mr. Barker sat down, as calm as if he hadn't just been gaining the most important cause of his life.

The same cool, clear head soon bought order out of the confusion in which Adrian Hermon had sought to involve the affairs of Alice's father, and made it quite manifest that the latter had neither broken trust nor left his daughter destitute.

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The President, in some of his vetoes of the pension bills passed by Congress, displayed a trifle of humor that, properly developed would make him sought after as a writer for the funny newspapers. One of the bills provided for a pension to Lewis W. Scanlan, who served forty days in the Blackhawk war, in 1832. Scanlan contracted chronic diarrhoea, and in 1836, fifty-four years after receiving the alleged injury, he applied for a pension, and Congress passed a bill to relieve the distress of the old gentleman. In vetoing the bill the president says: "I am inclined to think it would have been a fortunate thing if in the case it could have been demonstrated that a man could thrive so well with chronic diarrhoea for fifty-two years as its existence in the case of this good old gentleman would prove. We should then perhaps have less of claims for pensions. 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